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THE "P.R." LETTER BAG.

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DEAR EDITOR,—I wish to draw the attention of your readers to the preliminary notice of the P.N.E.U. Conference which appears in the advertisement columns of this *Review*, page ii. The committee have arranged this Conference, &c., in the belief that it will be fruitful of much good work. They earnestly hope that it will tend to the wider diffusion of P.N.E.U. thought and teaching, and will link the branches into closer harmony. It will, moreover, afford an opportunity for the working out of new ideas and the discussion of those difficulties which do occasionally arise in the work of a branch.

Every member will receive a programme of the Conference and an invitation to the *Conversazione* through the Hon. Secretaries of the branches, but Miss Frances Blogg, Secretary of the Union, 28, Victoria Street, S.W., will gladly supply additional invitation cards for the *Conversazione* (free), and tickets for the Conference and Lecture (price 2/6) for distribution among friends. I would suggest that use be made of these to interest outsiders in the work of the Union. The committee trust that country branches will be well represented, and that the opportunity of hearing our founder and other readers of papers will be eagerly seized. They are very glad to arrange that hospitality be offered to representatives and secretaries of branches, and will also furnish particulars of hotels and lodgings where desired. Anyone wishing to speak on any of the subjects under discussion is requested to communicate with Miss F. Blogg.

Yours faithfully, H. FRANKLIN,
9, Pembridge Gardens. *Hon. Organizing Sec.*

DEAR EDITOR,—As there has been comparatively little opportunity, amid the work of extending the operations of the P.N.E.U., to completely carry out the programme put before us and bring the Union into touch with parents of the so-called working classes, I think your readers may be interested to hear that an attempt was made a few weeks ago to initiate such a step.

A gentleman, who is much interested in mission work at Kentish Town, and who was hitherto unacquainted with the Union, happened to attend the opening meeting of a new branch, and feeling himself very much in sympathy with what was said, was also struck with the valuable help it might afford him in his work among the children of the large Sunday school with which he is connected. Not content with presenting copies of *Home Education* to his teachers, he asked Mrs. Franklin, one of the Hon. Organizing Secretaries of the Union, to come down and give the address at the monthly Sunday evening service held specially for the parents of the children, selecting as a suggested title, "Thinking Love" (see *Home Education*). In very simple, direct language Mrs. Franklin put forward some of the more important principles of the P.N.E.U., working out chiefly the ideas contained in the first chapter of *Home Education*, and also shortly touching on the *raison d'être* of habit and its importance in education. As an apology for speaking on such a subject at a religious service, the speaker

showed that the fulfilment of the ideal presented was the highest religious duty of every parent and teacher, and was contained in the divine precept: "Take heed that ye offend not one of these little ones."

The address was listened to with the greatest interest and attention, and it seems to me that on such lines as these, much useful work might be done at mothers' meetings, clubs, &c.

Yours sincerely, A. H. GLOVER.

DEAR EDITOR,—Some readers of the *Review* may like to hear of two books by Constance Maud, published by Edward Arnold, "Wagner's Heroes," and "Wagner's Heroines." They are delightful for reading to children. I should not myself put them into children's hands.

The stories of Brunhilda, of Parsifal, and of Hans Sachs are the stories I have chosen out to read to my child of ten years old. A. H. A.

DEAR EDITOR,—I shall be very glad if any of your readers will kindly tell me of books containing short and interesting accounts, biographies, or anecdotes of the great painters and musicians, suitable for children of from seven to ten years old.

Yours sincerely, B. A. WOLRYCHE-WHITMORE.

The Lynch, Clifton Road, Wimbledon.

DEAR EDITOR,—In elementary schools, between each lesson, it is common to find that the teacher drills the children for the space of three minutes or so. Both boys and girls are made rapidly to exercise their arms, and all the muscles of the body are brought into play, with the excellent result that the circulation is stimulated, the brain fed and restlessness worked off.

In my experience this is not the custom in secondary schools. Drill is often neglected to "once a week," and the teachers of other subjects have nothing to do with it. The children, it is true, move from room to room, but (especially girls) under absolute restraint—and in one large high school I know they are required to walk with their arms folded, and to remain so till the lesson begins. Can you tell me why this difference prevails?

Yours, MOTHER OF FIVE SCHOOL GIRLS.

P.N.E.U. NOTES.

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NEW BRANCHES.

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BRADFORD.
MANCHESTER.
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EALING.